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Docket No. 3140-019	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: MAGNIFYING OBSERVATION APPARATUS, METHOD FOR OBSERVING MAGNIFIED IMAGE, AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>
<u>PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)</u>

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Since this application has a filing date after June 30, 2003, no copies of U.S. Patents/Patent Application Publications are provided.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before expiration of the three-month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. *See* 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if it is determined that a petition or fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
		2000-214790	8/4/2000	Japan			JPO Computer English Translation	
		11-164293	6/18/1999	Japan			W/English Translation	
		2000-171216	6/23/2000	Japan			W/English Translation	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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